

flagship programme to provide quality elementary education to all children in the 6-14 years age group through a time bound approach, in partnership with States. The programme covers all States and Union Territories and reaches out to 20.9 crore children in the 6-14 years age group.

Funds for Mid-Day Meal Programme in Andhra Pradesh

2893. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested his Ministry to allocate and release sufficient funds to the State Government to complete the remaining infrastructural facilities, such as Kitchen sheds, drinking water facilities and gas connections, for effective implementation of Mid-Day Meal Programme (MDMP) in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of Government in this regard;

(d) by when the funds will be released to the State Government under Mid-Day Meal Programme for creating these basic facilities; and

(e) the response of his Ministry for allocating 3.8 lakh quintal rice to the State for MDMP as demanded by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) During the year 2006-07, the following Central assistance was provided to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Programme:—

(i) Foodgrains	=	1,31,002.16 MTs.
(ii) Cooking cost	=	Rs. 16289.84 lakhs
(iii) Transport subsidy	=	Rs. 902.78 lakhs
(iv) Management Monitoring & Evaluation	=	Rs. 135.90 lakhs
(v) Construction of Kitchen Sheds	=	Rs. 10320.81 lakhs
(vi) Procurement of Kitchen Devices	=	Rs. 2480.86 lakhs

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for the year 2007-08 for consideration of the Central Government.